STATEMENT OF Sergeant Howard R. GODFREY 1453334/1371 USMC (Sgt of the Guard)

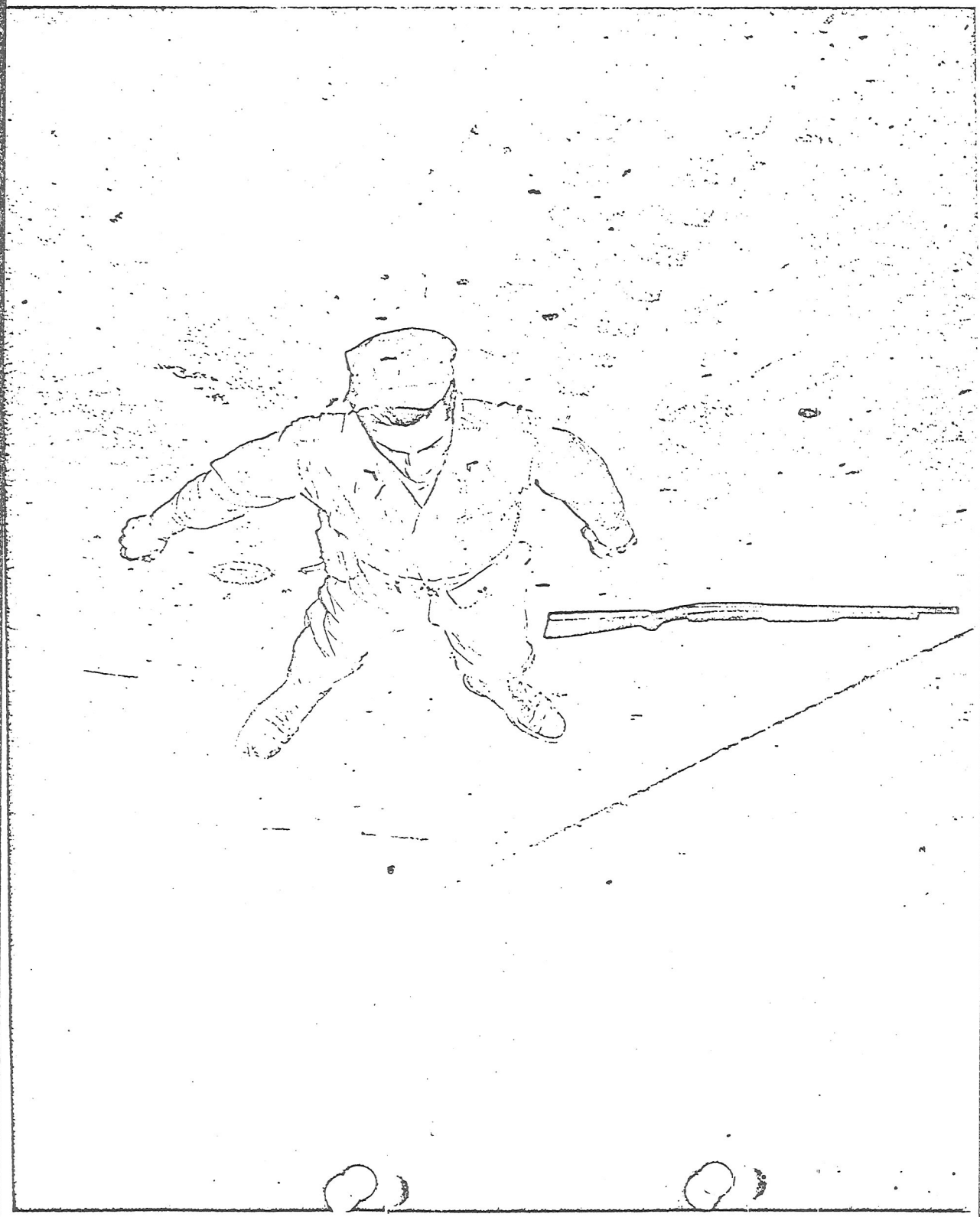
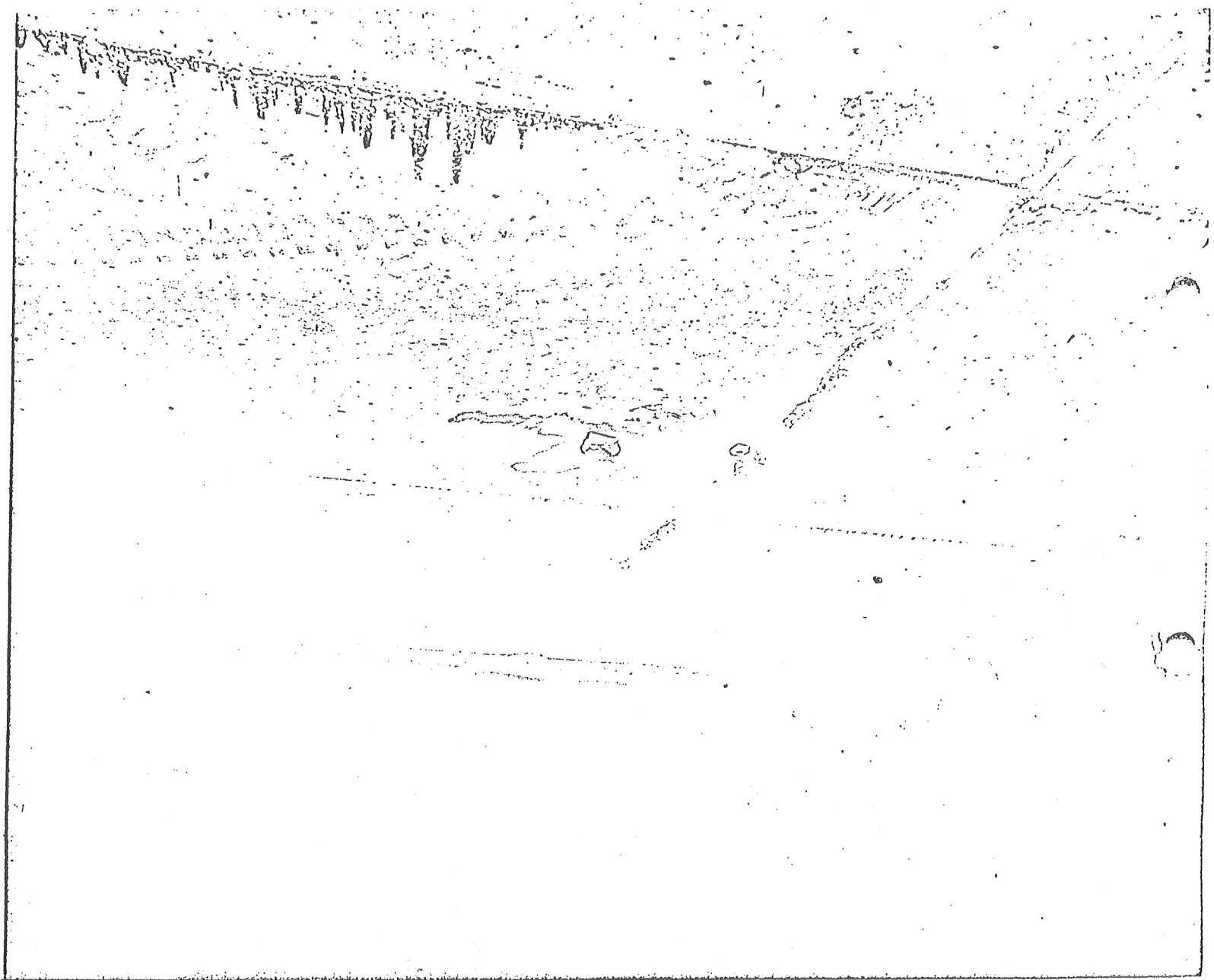
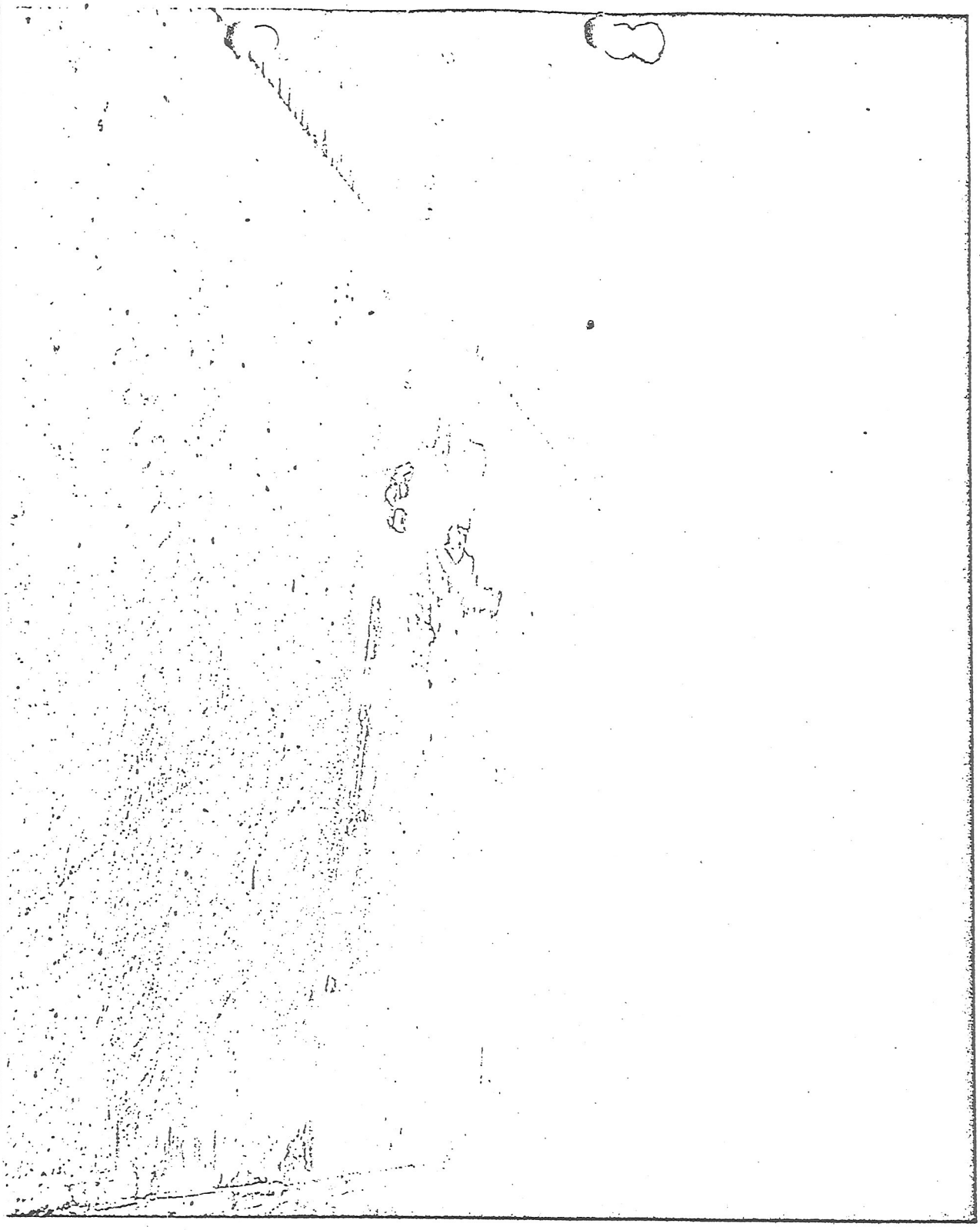
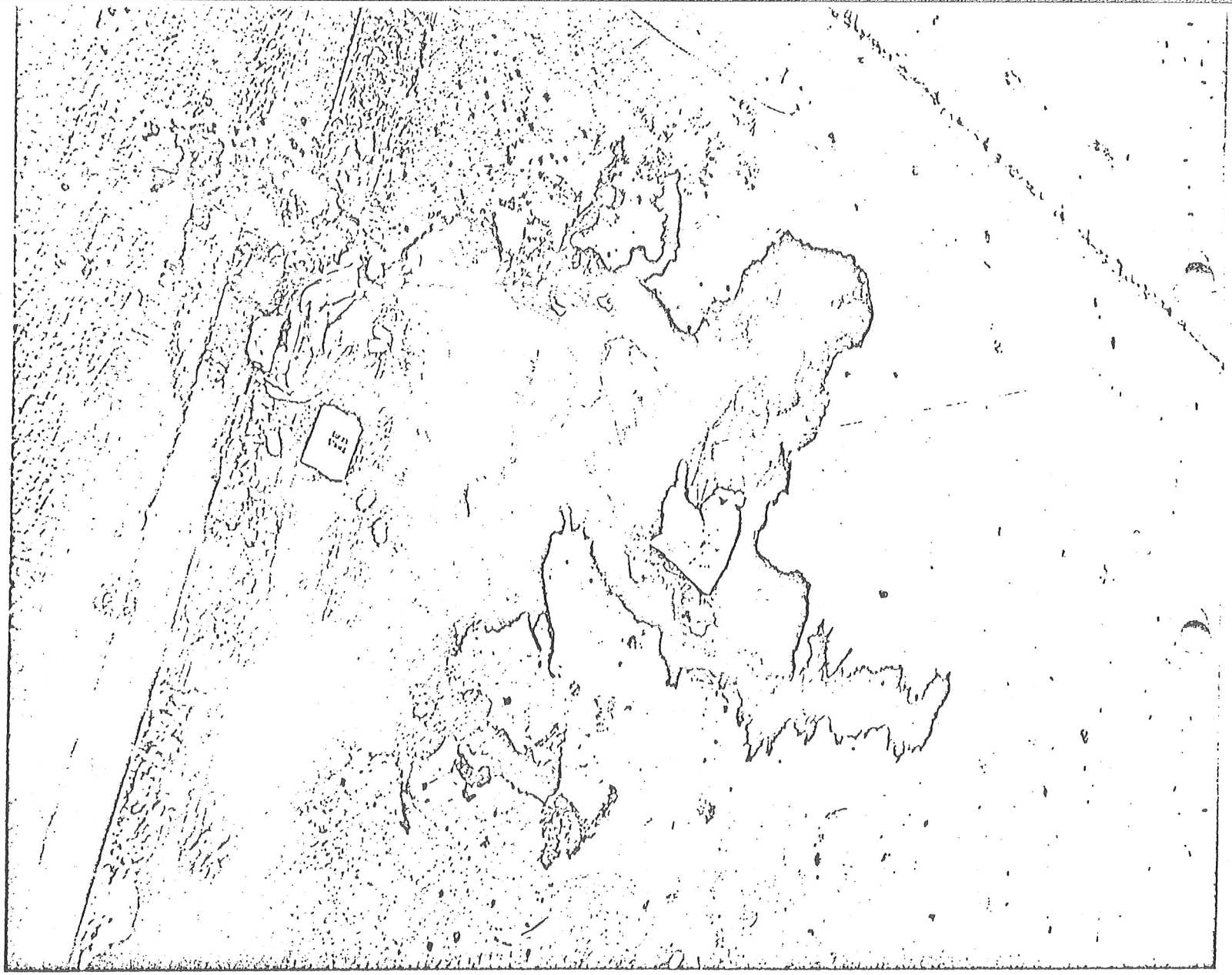
During my tour of duty as Sgt. of the Guard at NAS Cubi Point, Philippine Islands in regard to Pvt. SCHRAND's death (5 January 1958). Guard School was held daily by the Guard Officer, SDO or myself (Sgt Howard R. GODFREY 1453334 USMC) all members of the guard were properly informed and each made to show receiving of the weapon (shotgun-Riot gun). from the sentry being relieved, checking of the chamber and cylinder making sure nothing was in the weapon before accepting it. This took place at each posting, being present most of the time myself along with the Corporal of the Guard. It was also an established policy when sentries were posted that he walked it cradle arms, their weapon with the chamber empty, the safety on and five (5) rounds in the cylinder, rounds were never to be put in the chamber unless the weapon was to be fired or under strict supervised intructions, it was also discussed and a decision passed for various reasons involving safety that the rounds could be carried in the pocket or in the cylinder of the weapon at the option of the individual sentry.

Due to a twenty-four (24) hour post as Sgt. of the Guard I was granted liberty the night of the accident by the Sergeant Major RUBENSTEIN, the Cpl. of the Guard, Cpl. ROWE was in full charge at this time (1600-2400). Cpl. ROWE has stated Pvt. SCHRAND was posted and capable of taking his duty, and that he knew the boundries of his post.

During this period of time I was acting Sgt. of the Guard, 1 January 1958 until approximately 15 January 1958, many different men from various sections walked post, due to this reason guard personnel were schooled outside of the actual 1300 class, the question asked at each guard school was: is everyone familiar with this weapon (shotgun-Riot gun), all except a few (maybe three (3) men had fired it, Pvt. SCHRAND as recalled stated he had, at the time but no record-books were available to verify his statement.

This is all I know of the accident and state that this to the best of my knowledge is correct.

HOWARD R. GODFREY

Howard R. Godfrey

LOSURE (9)